for more financial assistance for constructing its own godowns and other infrastructural facilities;

(c) if so, the amount of assistance asked for; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) This Department does not operate any scheme for providing assitance for construction of godowns to States or their Corporations except for the north-eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Andhra Pradesh Government was informed of the position when a request was earlier received from them for financial assistance for construction of godowns at Mandal headquarters.

This Department has not, therefore provided any financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh Government for construction of godowns by the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation. The Department has also not received any request from the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation for financial assistance for construction of godowns.

**Number of Persons Registered with Employment Exchanges**

424. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered unemployed, skilled, semi-skilled, matriculates, under-matriculates, graduates, post-graduates, doctors, engineers and scientists in the country, statewise, as on the 1st January, 1983 and the 1st May, 1989;

(b) the number of factories closed as on the 1st January, 1983 and 1st May, 1989 and the number of workers rendered surplus due to closures of the factories;

(c) the number of the factories out of the above closed down due to lock-outs, lay-offs, closures and strikes;

(d) the number of workers rendered jobless due to lock-outs, closures, lay-offs and strikes; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to solve the unemployment problem caused by strikes, lay-offs and closure of factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHA KRISHAN MALAVIYA: (a) to (d) Based on the latest available information statement-I (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure no. 27) giving statewise number of job seekers on the live registers of Employment Exchanges by different categories and statement-II (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 28) giving number of workers affected by strikes, lock-outs, closures, lay-offs and retrenchments are attached.

(e) The Government have been maintaining a close and continuous watch on the industrial relations situation in the country. The IndustrialRelation Machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration. Strikes, lock-outs, closures & lay-offs are regulated under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

In respect of closed units the Central and the State Governments have taken a series of steps to provide reliefs and concessional financial assistance through appropriate rehabilitation packages drawn up by the banks and Financial institutions for restarting these units.